

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully points out the amendments made hereinabove to the claims which further clarify such claims.

The Examiner has stated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance the following: "[t]he prior art does not teach a network adapter with a processor for scanning viruses that is to be installed on an end-point computer and the processor is adapted for virus scanning and content scanning of network traffic transmitted between the end-point computer and the network, the content scanning including scanning for unwanted content other than viruses and the received packets are of interest based on an associated protocol wherein the received packets that are not of interest bypass the scanning and scanning the received packets that are of interest is prioritized based on a file type associated with the received packets and bypassing the scanning includes bypassing a scanner and random access memory of the processor and communicating directly with a network driver of the end-point computer" (emphasis added).

In response, applicant points out that at least some of the independent claims (e.g. Claims 1, 14, and/or 27-29) are not necessarily limited to at least the emphasized features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Just by way of example, at least some of applicant's independent claims are not necessarily limited to "a processor for scanning viruses that is to be installed on an end-point computer" (emphasis added), as the Examiner notes. In addition, at least some of applicant's independent claims do not specifically state that "the processor is adapted for virus scanning and content scanning of network traffic transmitted between the end-point computer and the network" (emphasis added), as the Examiner further notes.

Clearly, at least some of the independent claims are not necessarily limited to the features that the Examiner has noted above in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as emphasized above (by way of example only). Instead, each of the claims should only be limited by the language existing therein.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P056).

Respectfully submitted,
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